

DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On July 9, 2001, LTC J. Douglas Serrano, United States Army (USA), relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, Texas (DDCT) to LTC Teodoro Velazquez, USA. Brigadier General James H. Pillsbury, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) officiated at the ceremony.

LTC Serrano led DDCT from June 1999 to July 2001. LTC Serrano's dynamic leadership and knowledge of business skills and automation innovations resulted in significantly improved support to his customers while simultaneously reducing costs. LTC Serrano developed process improvements and workforce training, combined with automation technology innovations to redefine DDCT's distribution processing operations. This resulted in improved quantity and quality of work performance while reducing infrastructure and costs, supporting customers faster for less cost.

LTC Serrano's next assignment will be with military personnel in the Pentagon.

LTC Velazquez was commissioned a Second Lieutenant Quartermaster Corps, through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Puerto Rico in 1983, where he also earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. He received his Masters Degree in Education from Bell University, Indiana in 1993.

Lieutenant Colonel Velazquez's previous assignments include: Logistics Plans and Operations Officer, III Corps, Ft Hood, Texas; Support Operations Officer, 4th Forward Support

Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Ft Hood, Texas; Chief Logistics Observer Controller, 1st Brigade, 85th Division, Ft Sheridan, Illinois; Chief Logistics Readiness and Chief Plans and Operations, United States Army South, Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

Lieutenant Colonel Velazquez's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

DDCT serves as the primary wholesale distribution point for major components to support helicopter repair missions for DoD and Foreign Military Sales customers worldwide. Its mission is to receive, store, pack, preserve, issue and arrange transportation for assigned supplies and equipment. Items processed include repair parts for principal end items such as small aircraft and helicopters, avionics, electronics, industrial, petroleum, chemical, radioactive and other hazardous materials.

DDCT performs the unique service of loading and offloading helicopters and other priority cargo on aircraft operated by the Air Mobility Command. The Aircraft Delivery Office performs the unique mission of receipt, inspection, storage, movement, preservation, packaging, routine scheduled maintenance, and issue of helicopters.

BG Pillsbury, LTC Serrano, and LTC Velazquez enter for the DDCT Change of Command.



⤴ DDCT employees, and Corpus Christi Mayor Loyd Neal (third from the left), welcome LTC Velazquez and his family.